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Winchester football rolls over Middlesex League opponent Lexington to remain undefeated

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Winchester High junior defensive back Andrew Haigis (13) makes sure a Lexington player stays down during last Thursday night's game in Lexington COURTESY PHOTO/JEN JOHNSON

With one more regular season game left on the schedule before t
the Division 2 Super Bowl playoffs on Friday, Nov. 7, the Winches

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football team (7-0) — currently the fourth seed in the power rankings — kept on powering past another Middlesex League foe, when it dominated host Lexington on Oct. 23, 48-6.

Winchester High freshman linebacker Henry Nagler (85) helps bring down a Lexington player during last Thursday night's game in Lexington. COURTESY PHOTO/JEN JOHNSON

For the record, the Red & Black have outscored the opposition, counting Lexington, in seven games, 307-84. They jumped all over the Minutemen early and often in the first half last Thursday night to the tune of 35-6.

The blowout against Lexington allowed Coach Wally Dembowski to play many of his younger players, a luxury coaches relish in order to them with the opportunity to get varsity experience.

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“We were (happily) able to give game reps to our younger players to expose them to varsity games under the lights,” Dembowski explained.

Winchester High senior quarterback Ronan O’Connell (12) gets ready to take the snap against Lexington last Thursday night. COURTESY PHOTO/JEN JOHNSON

Senior quarterback Ronan O’Connell got things going against the Minutemen with a 23-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Martin in the first quarter.

Senior captain Gianni DePrimeo started the second quarter with a two-yard run to the endzone. He then tacked on two more points after catching a pass from Peter Alexopoulos on the conversion attempt. DePrimeo also accounted for the second score of the period from nine yards out.

Will Bolognese then nailed his first of four successful extra points in the game. The Winchester star tailback then completed the natural hat trick for touchdowns in football with a 25-yard jaunt to pay dirt.

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After staking the visitors to a 28-0 lead, the Minutemen finally got on the scoreboard to spoil Winchester's bid for a shutout. But Alexopoulos got it right back after completing a 62-yard scoring strike to Martin just before halftime.

Junior running back Dominic Vozzella scored the team's third quarter touchdown on a two-yard run, and sophomore running back Christian Sochat closed out the Winchester scoring in the fourth quarter after scampering the final four yards for a touchdown.

Winchester High senior captain Gianni DePrimeo (2) runs through a huge hole made possible by the offensive line during last Thursday night's game in Lexington. COURTESY PHOTO/JEN JOHNSON

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DePrimeo was the team's leading rusher against Lexington with [redacted] for 138 yards, which also included three touchdowns. Martin was on the

receiving end of four catches for 146 yards, and two of them went for touchdowns. Vozzella was credited with 11 carries for 74 yards, while also factoring into the touchdown barrage with one.

On defense, Ilyas Malik chipped in with five tackles, one for a loss, and two sacks. Captain Bryan Harrison had four solo tackles, two assisted stops and one caused fumble. Henry Nagler, Andrew Haigis and Eddie Sim each had one fumble recovery.

Winchester High junior placekicker Will Bolognese (17) lines up to kick one of his four extra points against host Lexington during last Thursday night's game. COURTESY PHOTO/JEN JOHNSON

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Dembowski scouted Belmont, Thursday night's opponent, and says they run a multiple scheme offense, and employ an aggressive defense against the run with four down linemen up front.

"Depending on the weather, I expect screens and quick hitting p them on offense," the coach added.

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Joe McConnell is a longtime, award-winning sports editor for numerous North Shore publications. He began covering Winchester sports for the News last November.

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The Winchester High boys hockey team (12-9-2), the 17th seed, edged the 16th-seeded Wachusett Regional Mountaineers (18-2-1), 5-4 in a Round of 32 Division 1 state tournament game at Westborough's Northstar Ice Arena on Feb. 25. The Red & Black will now take on top seed Catholic Memorial (18-2-1)

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The Winchester High boys basketball team, the 22nd seed, will take on Middlesex League rival Lexington, the 11th seed, to begin the Division 1 state tournament in the Round of 32 on Friday night, Feb. 27, starting at 6 p.m. These teams are so evenly matched, beginning with the

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